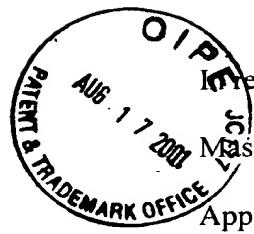


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Re the Application of  
Masaru MITSUI et al.  
Application No.: 09/509,472

Attn: PCT Branch

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For: PHOTOMASK BLANK, PHOTOMASK, METHODS OF MANUFACTURING  
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**REQUEST FOR CORRECTED NOTIFICATION OF  
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Sir:

A corrected notification of acceptance is hereby requested in view of the error which appears in the original. For the convenience of the Patent and Trademark Office, attached is a photocopy of the original notification on which the error has been noted in red and the April 21, 2000 PTO stamped receipt acknowledging receipt of the executed Declaration.

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1. The applicant is hereby advised that the United States Patent and Trademark Office in its capacity as  a Designated Office (37 CFR 1.494),  an Elected Office (37 CFR 1.495), has determined that the above identified international application has met the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 371, and is ACCEPTED for national patentability examination in the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

2. The United States Application Number assigned to the application is shown above and the relevant dates are:

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4. The following items have been received:

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Copy of the international application in:

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Oath or Declaration of inventors(s) for DO/EO/US.

Copy of Article 19 amendments.  Translation of Article 19 amendments into English.

The Article 19 amendments  have  have not been entered.

The International Preliminary Examination Report in English and its Annexes, if any.

Copy of the Annexes to the International Preliminary Examination Report (IPER).

Translation of Annexes to the IPER into English.

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**PTO RECEIPT FOR FILING OF PAPERS**

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PCT Transmittal, #107967, (\$130), exec. Declaration; Assignment Transmittal, #107968, (\$40), exec. Assignment.

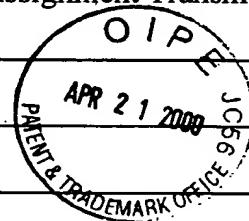
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